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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Wray on 7-22-2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification replace the preliminary amendment to page 1 made 8-21-2006 with --This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/001744 filed February 19, 2004, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--

In claim 11, line 2, replace "the heating" with:--heated--; In line 3, delete "which" and replace "has" with :--at--.

In claim 12, line 2, replace "heating air with" with:--heated air--; in line 3, replace "has" with :--at--.

Cancel claim 20.

Correct the following typographical errors to comply with standard US notation.

In claim 1, line 6, replace "0,4 to 0,6" with:--0.4 to 0.6--.

In claim 2, line 4, replace "0,05 and 0,4" with:--0.05 and 0.4--.

In claim 9, line 6, replace "0,4 to 0,6" with:--0.4 to 0.6--.

In claim 10, line 3, replace "0,1 and 0,3" with:--0.1 and 0.3--.

In claim 15, line 4, replace "0,6 and 1,1" with:--0.6 and 1.1--.

In claim 16, line 3, replace "0,8 and 1,0" with:--0.8 and 1.0--.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest where a starch hydrolysate solution and steam are atomized through a two-fluid nozzle to agglomerate with a solid powder to obtain a spray dried starch hydrolysate agglomerate having the unique properties recited in the instant claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David M. Brunsman whose telephone number is 571-272-1365. The examiner can normally be reached on M, Th, F, Sa; 7:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on 571-272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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